

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1-19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) A composition suitable for use as a hydraulic fluid, comprising at least 75% by weight, based on the total composition, of at least one ester formed by the reaction of

- (i) at least one polyol selected from the group consisting of trimethylol propane, pentaerythritol, neopentyl glycol, di-trimethylol propane, tri-trimethylol propane, di-pentaerythritol, and tri-pentaerythritol; with
- (ii) a mixture of fatty acids consisting essentially of (I) straight or branched chain C8 acid, straight or branched chain C10 acid or mixture thereof and (II) straight chain fatty acids having from 16 to 22 carbon atoms, wherein the ratio of esterified acids (I):(II) is in the range ~~2:1 to 1:20~~ 1:1 to 1:20 by weight; and

wherein said composition has a viscosity of 7000 mm<sup>2</sup>/s or less, when measured at -30°C after being held at -30°C for 168 hours.

21. (Currently Amended) A composition suitable for use as a hydraulic fluid, comprising at least 75% by weight, based on the total composition, of at least one ester formed by the reaction of

- (i) at least one polyol selected from the group consisting of trimethylol propane, pentaerythritol, neopentyl glycol, di-trimethylol propane, tri-trimethylol propane, di-pentaerythritol, and tri-pentaerythritol; with
- (ii) a mixture of fatty acids consisting essentially of (I) straight or branched chain C8 acid, straight or branched chain C10 acid or mixture thereof and (II) oleic acid, wherein the ratio of esterified acids (I):(II) is in the range ~~2:1 to 1:20~~ 1:1 to 1:20 by weight; and

wherein said composition has a viscosity of 7000 mm<sup>2</sup>/s or less, when measured at -30°C after being held at -30°C for 168 hours.

22. (Previously presented) Composition according to claim 21, wherein the composition has a viscosity of 5000 mm<sup>2</sup>/s or less, when measured at -30 °C after being held at -30 °C for 168 hours.
23. (Previously presented) Composition according to claim 21, wherein the ratio of esterified acids (I): (II) is between 1:1 and 1:10 by weight.
24. (Previously presented) Composition according to claim 21, which is substantially free of an emulsifier.
25. (Previously presented) Composition according to claim 21, which further comprises an anti-oxidant.
26. (Previously presented) Composition according to claim 21, which further comprises a viscosity index (VI) improver.
27. (Previously presented) Composition according to claim 21, which further comprises an anti-wear compound.
28. (Previously presented) Composition according to claim 21, which further comprises an anti-foam compound.
29. (Previously presented) Composition according to claim 21, which comprises substantially no pour point depressant.
30. (Previously presented) Composition according to claim 21, wherein the polyol (i) comprises trimethylolpropane.
31. (Previously presented) A hydraulic compositions comprising the composition according to claim 21.